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## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD

THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1. (Amended) A semiconductor memory device comprising:
- a semiconductor substrate;

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